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MEMORANDUM FOR AMBASSADOR COLLINS

Subject: Political Intentions, Binh Xuyen

1. Intelligence reports reaching the Presidency today stated that the Binh Xuyen were now thinking that if they are attacked by the Vietnamese National Army and have to retreat, that they will retreat to Go Cong and establish a new government of the West. Tran Van Huu will be President, due to his well-known views on co-existence with the Vietminh. The new government's propaganda line will be anti-American, and there will be assassinations of Vietnamese who collaborate with Americans.

2. It is believed that the chief proponent of this scheme is Ho Huu Tuong, a Trotskyite 4th Internationalist who was a member of the neutralist group at Geneva. Other Binh Xuyen counsellors in on the planning of this new government are said to be: Tran Van An, Le Van Ngo, Luu Duc Trung, Hoang Quynh, Trinh Khanh Vang, and Nguyen Duc Tuyinh.

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